

*Stated Meeting, March 7, 1879.*

Present, 18 members.

Vice-President, Mr. E. K. PRICE, in the Chair.

A photograph of Sig. Giovanni Capellini, of Bologna, was received.

A letter declining the appointment to prepare an obituary notice of the late Dr. J. B. Biddle, was received from Mr. H. C. Chapman, dated 2305 Walnut street, February 21, 1879.

A letter acknowledging the receipt of Byington's Choctaw Grammar in MSS., on loan, was received from Major J. W. Powell, dated Washington, Department of the Interior, March 5, 1879.

Letters of thanks, acknowledging the safe reception of two volumes of MSS. Lee Papers, on loan, was received from Mr. Justin Winsor, for the Massachusetts Historical Society, dated Cambridge, Gore Hall, February 27, and March 5, 1879.

Letters acknowledging receipt of Proceedings, were received from the Natural History Society, Frankfurt am M. (100 and List); and the Rantoul Literary Society (102).

Letters of envoy were received from the Central Physical Observatory, St. Petersburg, Jan., 1879; the Natural History Union at Riga, June 15, 1878; the Geological Commission, Berne, Nov. 19, 1878; the Swiss Society, Berne, Sept., 1878; the National Library at Florence; the Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; and the Meteorological Office in London, Feb. 9, 1879.

Donations for the Library were received from the Geological Survey of Victoria, Melbourne; Imperial Society of Naturalists, Moscow; Natural History Union, Riga; Central Bureau of Statistics, Stockholm; Zool. Anzeiger, Leipzig; Verein für Erdkunde, Dresden; Senkenburg Society, Frankfurt a M.; Oberhess. Gesellschaft Giessen; Société Helvétique, Lausanne; M. Henri de Saussure, Geneva; Herr L. Rüttimeyer, Zurich; Commission Géologique Fed. Berne; R.

Venetian Institute, Venice; R. Academy of Sciences, Turin; R. Lombardy Institute, Milan; National Library, Florence; R. Geological Committee of Italy, Rome; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Sig. G. Capellini, Bologna; the late Prof. E. Lombardini, Milan; R. Academy, Brussels; Geological Society, and Revue Politique, Paris; Society of Commercial Geography, Bordeaux; R. Astronomical Society, R. Geographical Society, Society of Arts, Meteorological Office, and Nature, London; Philosophical and Literary Society, Leeds; Prof. Aug. R. Grote; Dr. W. J. Hoffman; American Journal, New Haven; Mr. Mansfield Merriman, New Haven; New Jersey Geological Survey; Germantown Dispensary; Journal of Pharmacy, Medical News, and Robinson's Epitomy of Literature, Philadelphia; Botanical Gazette, Madison Ill.; Wisconsin State Historical Society; and the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.

The death of Dr. J. H. McQuillen, at Philadelphia, March 3d, aged 53 years (born Feb. 12, 1826), was announced by Mr. J. Sergeant Price.

On motion, Dr. Kenderdine was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

The death of Mr. E. Spencer Miller, March 6th, aged years, was announced by Mr. Price.

On motion, Mr. Furman Sheppard was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

Dr. König made a communication upon his chromatic method of chemical analysis. Mr. Frazer and Dr. König discussed the subject.

Mr. Cope presented for deposit in the Library a copy of the last number of the Bulletin of the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories (Vol. V, No. 1); and in doing so invited the attention of the members present to certain statements which he had published therein, concerning the age and extent of Western strata belonging to the Permian and Tertiary epochs; and mentioned the characters of two species of a new genus of Perissodactyls which he desired to name *Anchisodon quadriplicatus* and *tubifer*.

Mr. Haupt exhibited photographs of the apparatus of the Pneumatic Tramway Engine Company, and read extracts from a report to show the greater economy and efficiency of this method of propulsion by compressed air, over the results obtained by the use of horse-power.

Pending nomination No. 872, and new nominations Nos. 874, 875, 876 and 877 were read, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Present, 13 members.

Vice-President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

A letter accepting the appointment to prepare an obituary notice of the late Judge John Cadwalader, was received from Mr. Peter McCall, dated March 13th.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Prague Observatory (101); the Meteorological Institute, Vienna (101); the Lisbon Academy (100; List); and the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass. (101).

Letters of envoy were received from Mr. W. B. Rawle, dated Philadelphia, March 7, 1879; and from the U. S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C., March 17, 1879.

Donations for the Library were received from the Melbourne Mining Department; Imperial Society of Naturalists, Moscow; Central Bureau of Statistics, Stockholm; R. Prussian Academy; Zool. Anzeiger, Leipzig; Revue Politique, Paris; Society of Commercial Geography, Bordeaux; Victoria Institute, and Nature, London; Literary and Philosophical Society, Quebec; Essex Institute; Mass. Historical Society; Boston Natural History Society; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; Franklin Institute; Mr. Wm. Brooke Rawle of Philadelphia; U. S. Geol. and Geog. Survey; U. S. Naval Observatory; Dr. A. C. Peale; Mercantile